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Dear Mr. Giannoules:

I thank you for your letter dated 10th inst. and the suggestions you made as to future arrangements, with which I fully agree.

On 22nd and 23rd March I have had detailed talks with secretary-general Népote at St. Cloud as to the repression of drug delinquency. As a starting point served the conversations with you and [ ] as of the end of February in Wiesbaden and the contents of the memorandum you made available for me. After a longer discussion and after having talked over the present situation Mr. Népote and myself came to the conclusion that a great deal of the suggestions is feasible, whilst for another part of them we will run into the obstacles I have already mentioned. I may add that Mr. Népote showed much understanding for the imperative necessity to centralize, as far as ever possible, all information in connection with drugs on the General Secretariat and to safeguard as much protection as possible as to these records on account of the particular features of the offences and their interlocking with other crimes etc.

In detail we obtained the following survey:

1. At the present time there are working at the General Secretariat 6 specialists of the group "Dangerous Drugs" (from now on only called the group). Head of the group has been since 1-1-1972 Detective-Inspector Kendall, who has been delegated to St. Cloud, who speaks a good French and who has been entrusted with this task on account of his attainments.
2. About 10 other persons work fully for the group, namely as auxiliary personnel, stenotypists, translators etc.

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3. Special safety measures are possible; in particular the group may be accommodated completely separated from other units in rooms situated on the premises in the vicinity which also belong to the Organization. However, a total separation of the group would imply that they depend upon all technical services including the international radio operators network and that certain documents (such as fingerprint sheets, personal description notices etc.) about incriminated persons would have to be kept in central collections.
4. An increase of personnel of this group through other specialists of the General Secretariat, who are also well-versed in this field, will only be possible, if the raise of the quota to be decided upon during the General Assembly of the ICPO of this year will allow the employment of new personnel who would have to replace the police officers who are to be entrusted with other tasks.
5. There exist considerable doubts as to the possibility to find specialists in the majority of the countries mentioned in the memorandum who are qualified for the co-operation in the central office and whose departments might be in a position to delegate them to St. Cloud on their own costs. Since these costs amount to 20 000 US\$ per annum, corresponding to a multiple sum in comparison with the annual contribution to the ICPO, the underdeveloped countries we are interested in will hardly ever be in a position to delegate an officer. This is valid all the more because the delegation of specialists for co-operation in the central office will only make sense, if it lasts at least 4 to 5 years and will not be interrupted. According to our experience even good experts require a whole year to adapt themselves to the new working rhythm and to become efficient in at least two of the three official languages of the Organization.
6. In spite of these facts we should try to convince more countries than up to now to delegate personnel to the General Secretariat in order to enable us to combat drug abuse through a greater group or even by a particular squad.
7. It should be studied, whether the system of the "liason-officers" as we are testing it at the present time for general tasks of the Organization in Europe might be useful also for the concerns of drug repression and for other continents. I believe that this system, although working subdivided into "zones", but keeping a regular and close contact to the central office as well as compiling constantly information, would be useful.

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At the beginning of April Mr. Népote will travel to the conference in Caracas, where he will probably meet you, Mr. Giannoules, and Mr. Rossides. I would appreciate if you could address Mr. Népote as to our plans and let me know the result of your talk.

I am prepared to visit the most important countries in order to study the situation right there, if no further substantial conclusions should result from your talks with Mr. Népote. I repeat that Mr. Népote basically agrees completely with our considerations and that he is willing to do his utmost to further develop our Organization on its way to genuine internationalization. However, he feels the difficulties as stated under 5/ more than I do, because he bears the daily workload at the central office.

Under the present circumstances I suggest already now that I submit my intention to considerably intensify the repression of drug abuse to the Executive Committee (15th to 19th May at St. Cloud) and that I come directly to Washington after Whitsuntide, if necessary.

I wish you a successful conference in Caracas and a positive conversation with Mr. Népote. I believe that we are on the right way.

Cordial regards to you, your family and ☐ ☐

Yours sincerely,

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